2018 Annual Report to the Community

Pathways TO EXCELLENCE
St. Tammany Cancer Center

St. Tammany Cancer Center is the result of partnerships with leading cancer care providers in our region. Together, STPH, MBPCC and Ochsner along with aligned oncology specialists achieved great success in 2018.

STCC successfully renewed accreditation with commendations from the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer as a Comprehensive Community Hospital Cancer Program. Thanks to funding through St. Tammany Hospital Foundation, STCC added a music therapist to its care team, seeing inpatient and outpatient oncology patients as well as those in hospice. In its first year, the program achieved more than 450 patient visits in hospice, medical oncology and outpatient infusion.

STCC improved efficiency of tumor conferences in 2018 via use of Oncolens conference management software. STCC is Louisiana’s first, and one of the first in the country, to initiate this program. Close to 100 patients were placed on clinical trials at STCC, surpassing volumes from prior years. Clinical trials in a community setting offer patients treatment that has the potential for being better than what is considered standard therapy.

Low Dose CT lung cancer screenings in 2018 reached record volumes, with more than 160 patients meeting screening criteria and taking advantage of the only available early screening for lung cancer. The majority of lung cancers are diagnosed at very late stages where treatment options are limited and long-term survival is greatly reduced. Cancer screening can detect lung cancer at earlier stages expanding options for treatment and improving long-term survival.

For the community, STCC hosted “Spot It” to educate professionals in the cosmetology industry on how to spot skin lesions that may be concerning for skin cancer when working with clients. More than 35 cosmetologists attended the program with at least two participants after the program identifying lesions that needed physician review.